

which are devoted to displays of grains. To the man who contemplates buying a farm in Virginia—and such a visitor is always welcome at the Commissioner's office—these three exhibits are the most interesting in the museum. In the two remaining cases at this end of the museum are the mineral exhibits, which, in the great variety of specimens displayed, surprise many who have lived in Virginia all their lives, but have no idea of the vast mineral wealth of the State, most of which is as yet undeveloped, but which is now being brought to the attention of capitalists.

To the right of the entrance is the tobacco exhibit, arranged very tastefully, and it is very tempting to all lovers of the fragrant weed. This exhibit is especially interesting to many visitors at the museum, who have never seen tobacco except in the manufactured product.

Two cases that at once attract the attention of visitors are that to the right of the center. One of these contains a number of stuffed animals, the central figure being a splendid specimen of a Virginia deer, with wide-spreading antlers, while at his side is a doe. This case must necessarily suggest Noah's ark, on account of the grouping, upon such terms of intimacy, of so many animals of widely different habits and natures. However, this was made necessary because it was recognized that while this division of the museum was interesting, it was not as important as that devoted to other subjects more likely to attract settlers to the State, and space did not justify more cases being devoted to natural history. Hence the bears, the deer, the wild cat, the lynx, the beaver, the otter, the rabbit, the opossum, and the raccoon are all seen in such close relationship in this exhibit. The birds of the State are given two cases, and nearly every one of the forested tribes is represented, save the English sparrow, and he needs no place in this gathering, for he speaks for himself from the eaves of the Capitol. The eagle, the bird of freedom, perches above them all; the wise owl is given a place to which his dignity entitles him; and the quail and the pheasant are in the brush, and the robin shows his red breast from the twig of a tree.

#### The Fish Exhibit.

In the northeastern corner of the museum are two cases in which are shown the fish found in the waters of the State. The specimens are paper-mache, but wonderfully lifelike. Any ardent angler of Frank Walton could spend an hour examining the contents of these two cases, and find it interesting work.

In order that the visitor may form some idea as to the topography of the State, and the general appearance of the different sections, a number of transparencies have been hung in the museum—the same that were displayed at the St. Louis Exposition. Most of these are in color, and are really works of art. The original cost of them was something like two thousand dollars. There was not enough space on the main floor of the museum for all of the exhibits, so the overflow was placed in the two galleries. In one of these is the tobacco house that was exhibited at St. Louis. In the eastern gallery, among other exhibits, is an exact reproduction in paper-mache of a large shark and an immense turtle. The size of the latter so impressed a city-headed youngster of five last week that as he descended the spiral staircase he could find no better means of comparison than that contained in this illustration that he had seen a turtle as big as his father.

### GREAT MINERAL SHOW FOR STATE

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plays of their mineral and timber interests, and are now preparing elaborate plans.

The Governor has issued a circular letter inviting all the interests of Virginia to join the association and lend their assistance in making this the great feature of the exposition.

The offices of the association are in the State Capitol, and are in charge of Mr. B. C. Banks, secretary, who will be glad to give any information regarding the plans, regulations and specifications pertaining to the work. All who are interested in this great enterprise are earnestly solicited to communicate with the secretary at once, and assist him by suggestion and information, so that the association will be able to have every interest in Virginia represented in the Virginia Mineral and Timber Palace at the Jamestown Exposition.

#### The Governor's Letter.

The letter of Governor Swanson follows:

Richmond, Va., January 11, 1907.

Gentlemen:—The Virginia Mineral and Timber Exhibit Association has been organized for the purpose of having a complete and practical display of the mineral and timber resources of the State of Virginia at the Jamestown Exposition. As this is the third century of Virginia's existence, it is incumbent upon the State and her citizens to make as large and successful an exhibit of her resources as possible. A splendid building, now two-thirds completed, has been secured. It occupies the General Mines Building of the exposition, and contains 24,000 square feet of space, and thus affords an excellent opportunity for a fine display. It is necessary that this association shall have the fullest measure of co-operation from the citizens of every county in the State in collecting specimens, so that the exhibit may be representative in every particular. A magnificent opportunity is here extended for advertising these important natural resources in a way to bring about larger increased development. As Governor of Virginia, I feel deeply interested in everything that appertains to the growth and development of the State, and I earnestly request that every one associated with developed or partially developed properties, or have

## AMELIA SENDS CHALLENGE TO VIRGINIA COUNTIES ON WEIGHT OF MR. ALLEN'S HOGS



Hogs shown in the accompanying cut were grown, fattened and recently slaughtered by Mr. O. S. Allen, of Amelia. They were principally of the Poland China breed. They were sixteen months old, and the nine hogs weighed 2,700 pounds. The lightest one weighed 250 pounds, and the heaviest one weighed 450 pounds. The hogs ran on herds' grass pasture most of the summer; for two months they were on a pea fallow, and were penned and fed on corn for about sixty days. Amelia asks for a comparison of these results with hogs of this age.

knowledge of any undeveloped mineral deposits in this State, interest themselves in this matter, and do what they can towards the success of this mineral and timber exhibit. I request that all of those who communicate immediately with Mr. B. C. Banks, State Capitol Building, Richmond, who has been selected as secretary of the association, stating the location of the deposits and any other matter that might aid in having the properties exhibited. He will furnish instruction at once as to the manner in which the writer can assist in collecting appropriate specimens. I further appeal to your sense of pride in the Old Dominion for aid in this worthy enterprise. It is only once in a century that Virginia makes a call of this kind upon her citizens, and those interested in her industrial enterprises. Let us get together and make the Virginia Mineral and Timber Exhibit at the Jamestown Exposition one that will reflect additional lustre on the State, of which we have the proud honor to be citizens. The transportation companies of the State and all other mineral and timber interests that have been approached have generously responded in aid of this enterprise.

I earnestly urge you to take this matter up at once, and communicate with Mr. B. C. Banks or myself. I shall take especial interest in making this exhibit a marked success, and it shall have my continuous care and attention.

Very truly yours,  
CLAUDE A. SWANSON,  
Governor of Virginia.

### JUDGE HUTTON'S JURY AND HIS WORK

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thing in this last contention if it were strictly true. While it is true that a merchant pays a privilege tax for the transaction of business, this is in lieu of all State taxes on the capital invested, unless the firm be incorporated, and he only pays tax on the capital invested for county and district purposes, and does not pay a county license tax.

"If the clerk in a merchant's store who works on a salary of \$1200 a year should pay an income tax on \$500, I can see no reason why the proprietor of that store, who may make \$2,000, should not pay an income tax on \$2,000.

"As to the wisdom of the law, however, the courts have nothing to do. That is a matter for the Legislature, and it would be manifestly improper in the courts, a co-ordinate department of the government, to criticize the acts of the Legislature, another co-ordinate department of the government, even if the court did not agree to the wisdom of the legislative action. But in this case, gentlemen, I deem it my duty to say that the provisions in our Constitution and laws for an income tax meet my most cordial approval. A reasonable income tax, in my judgment, is pre-eminently a proper tax. A man fortunate enough to have an income in excess of \$200, after deducting what the law permits him to deduct, can much more easily pay his taxes, including the income tax, than his less fortunate neighbor who makes only \$500; and it does not seem to be a very great hardship that the law should take one dollar out of a hundred for the support of the government which protects his family, his property and himself, especially when his interest in the protecting hand of the government is greater.

#### Duties Defined.

"Gentlemen, it was my duty to charge you as to your duty, and it was my duty to execute the law as they were given you in charge, and I feel assured that no right-thinking man should ever criticize any man for performing his duty according to his oath; but be that as it may, you have my unqualified approval for the faithful, impartial and fearless manner in which you have performed all your duties at this term, including the examination of the commissioners' books of assessment, and especially for the manner shown by you in correcting your own lists where they were not in accord with the law, and I sincerely trust that this faithful and efficient work on your part will render the duties of succeeding

ing grand juries in this behalf less onerous.

"Every man should give in his property for taxation according to the law and under his oath, and if he fails to do it, the law is right in fixing penalties for the failure.

"There are doubtless many inequalities in the assessments of property, and this is to be regretted, but this is not the fault of the law. The Constitution and the law provide that all assessments of real estate and tangible personal property shall be at their fair market value, except where it is otherwise especially provided. I said to you in my charge when you were impaneled, I did not believe that any great number of the assessors of our county would intentionally refuse to give in their property for taxation, and I am gratified to know from your report that such is the fact, and you have not felt in your duty to make any individual reference thereto, but that when the law as explained to the citizens, they will gladly correct their lists. This is a source of gratification to me, and I feel assured it is to you. If further criticism of your action is indulged in, you may rest assured it will be by those only who, after the law has been explained to them, are still unwilling to obey it.

"I have departed from my usual custom in making this statement to you, because I deem it to be your due. Gentlemen, you are adjourned."

#### Figures That Talk.

A gentleman connected with the Auditor's department of the State government estimates that similar action on the part of grand juries of other counties and some of the cities of the State will legitimately and properly increase the revenues of the Commonwealth something like a quarter of a million dollars. Says he: "If that brings in more money than the State needs for proper purposes, why then the rate of taxation may be reduced. Virginia's present system of taxation is all right, and there are no inequalities in it. The inequalities come in the matter of assessments and in the matter of tax-dodging. The very essence of the whole trouble may be read in Judge Hutton's word of thanks and congratulations to his jury."

### REAL ESTATE AND BUILDING NEWS

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you all particulars of this sale, as well as several other large deals of more than local interest which are now being perfected, and which will come around in due time, and which will be no little factor in the economic strides this good old city will make in 1907.

#### Ideas Rather Exalted.

Real estate men, like men in other lines of business, have different views of things. For instance, one who is as well posted, perhaps, as any man in the city, said to The Times-Dispatch man: "While the new year's business is opening up very well, we are all confronted with one trouble, and that is the fact that there has been too much booming. The agents are, perhaps, to blame somewhat, and I have no doubt that the newspaper men are very much to blame for this state of affairs. Maybe, though, the ignorance of property-holders is largely to blame, but be all this as it may, the fact remains that a majority of the people of Richmond who have property to put on the market have an inflated idea of the real value of the same.

"To illustrate: A few days ago a man offered to put in my hands a certain piece of property to sell—property that he bought at a real bargain not three years ago. I knew what he paid for it at that time, and thought, of course, he would be satisfied with the price he was offering something like \$5,000; but do you know he wanted not a cent less than \$12,000 profit? Of course, that was ridiculous; the property isn't worth that much money, and won't be for several years to come. I think it has been made by the newspapers, or maybe he is just ignorant of the fact that the particular location of his property is not so favorable as some other property that may have recently been sold for something like the figure he wants me to get for his less favorably located ground. Be that as it may, the fact is that he will have to hold that ground for several years yet before he can realize anything like his present estimate of its value."

Another agent, speaking of the rental business, said:

"Do you know that notwithstanding the large number of elegant residences completed last year, there is not now a single high-grade dwelling in this city that can be rented? If you do know of any such dwelling please let me know; I have not less than three applicants for it right now."

This agent went on to say that the three applicants had reference to three out-of-town people, people from other States; people of means, who want to locate in this city and want to locate at once, and not wait the time necessary to build a comfortable and handsome house to live in, but would delight to lease such a house if there were such in the city to be had.

"There is," he declared, "a larger demand for first-class, high-grade homes on the part of responsible parties than this city has ever known. It seems to me there is no better field open to capitalists than that of the building of ten or twenty high-grade residences along Franklin Street, Monument Avenue and intersecting streets, to be held either for rent or for sale."

#### Movements Over the River.

One of the most important deals of recent years in Manchester real estate has just been made public by the record-

ing yesterday of a deal of bargain and sale from A. J. Bradley, conveying to H. L. Denoon the large office building at the southeast corner of Tenth and Hull Streets, known as the Leader Building. The property fronts 42 feet on Hull Street and extends back along Tenth Street 120 feet. Mr. Denoon has also purchased from J. F. Bradley the adjoining property, on which is also an attractive office building. The purchase price of the property is not given, but is understood to be something in excess of \$20,000.

The Leader Building was erected several years ago by Mr. Bradley, and is the handsomest business block in Manchester. The property is at present occupied by the Bank of Manchester, the government post-office, and by many lawyers and other tenants on the upper floors. Manchester property has been in good demand of late, and far-sighted investors are inclined to believe that with the probability of annexation in the near future, and a new free bridge, good properties in that section will become attractive investments.

#### Ginter Park.

From present indications there will be a very large number of residences building in Ginter Park this coming spring. No other section is improving so rapidly as this one.

During the week just ended Ginter Park lots have been sold to Mr. Robert M. Brander, of the Kanawha Dispatch, and to Mr. T. L. Campbell. Both gentlemen purchased on Seminary Avenue. The company reports that some other sales have also been made during the week. The work of developing and beautifying the park goes steadily forward, and the telephone and electric companies are extending their service lines through the property in order to give the many new residences service.

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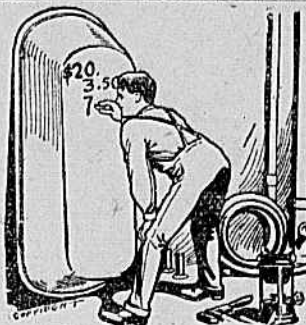
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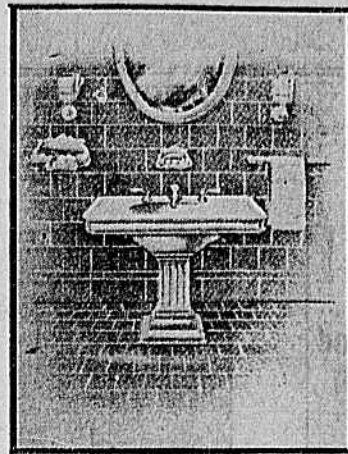
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